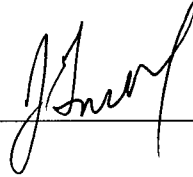


REPORT

DATE: May 24, 2004
TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council
FROM: General Counsel and Chief Counsel
SUBJECT: Legal Services Agreement
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a contract, terminable upon 30 days notice be entered into with Fulbright & Jaworski to provide for the continuation of legal services.

REPORT:

The Officers under the auspices of the Executive Committee are reviewing legal services provided to SCAG. While that review is taking place it is recommended that a contract be entered into with the Fulbright & Jaworski law firm to provide for the continuing representation of SCAG by Colin Lennard as SCAG's General Counsel. The scope of work is suggested to be along the following:

"General Counsel shall provide the necessary personnel, facilities equipment and materials to provide general counsel legal services to SCAG. Services in connection with this Agreement may include, but are not limited to advising and consulting with the Regional Council and its Committees on legal matters; defending or conducting litigation on behalf of SCAG at the direction of the Regional Council, attending Regional Council meetings and Committee meetings, attending meetings with SCAG as is necessary. General Counsel shall provide additional services as requested by the Regional Council.

Prior to commencement or defense of any litigation on behalf of SCAG, General Counsel shall provide to the Regional Council a litigation budget with respect to the approximate legal costs to be incurred and shall provide status updates to the Regional Council as is necessary."

The scope of work recommended would be sufficient to provide for Mr. Lennard's continued representation of SCAG.

The compensation for the contract will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of June 3, 2004. A recommendation based upon that discussion would then be made to the Regional Council.